CELEBRATING FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORGANIZATION

DECEMBER 3, 1894—DECEMBER 3, 1944

St. James Church

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The Anniversary Committee,
W. Lee Moose, Chairman
Othar A. Barringer
Mrs. Hoy A. Moose
Aubrey W. Hedrick

Anniversary Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1944

9:45 A. M., CHURCH SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT PAUL B. FOIL, Presiding

11:00 A. M., ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
REV. AUBREY W. HEDRICK, Presiding
MISS ELIZABETH FOIL, Organist

Prelude—*Andante from Third Organ Sonata*.....Mendelsshon
Invocation Chant 486—*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*.....Laufer
Invocation Prayer
Hymn 322—*The Church's One Foundation* (Aurelia).....Stone
Reading from the Holy Scriptures
Gloria Patri—493.....Greatorex
Apostles' Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response 501—*Hear Our Prayer*.....Whelpton
In Memoriam
Special Music—*For All the Saints* (Sarum).....Barnby
Mrs. A. R. Tosh and Miss Miriam Foil
Prayer in Remembrance
Anniversary Sermon.....Rev. W. W. Rowe, D.D.
Offertory—*Meditation from Thais*.....Massenet
Mrs. A. W. Hedrick, Violinist
Offertory Response 258 (1)—*We Give Thee But Thine Own*.....How
Hymn 204—*Break Thou the Bread of Life*.....Sherwin
Exhortation
Confession of Sin
The Eucharistic Prayer
Seraphic Hymn 522.....Howard
The Communion
Sacramental Hymn 338—*According to Thy Gracious Word* (Martyrdom) Wilson
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Doxology, L. M., 551 (Old Hundred).....Genevan Psalter
Benediction
Response 557—*Triple Amen*
Moment of Meditation
Postlude—*Finale in A*.....Cuthbert Harris

1:00 P. M., PICNIC DINNER

Everyone is cordially invited to share in this fellowship dinner in the Church basement.

2:30 P. M., AFTERNOON SERVICE

This is to be an informal service in honor of former Pastors and members.

Biography of Rev. Paul Barringer, D. D.

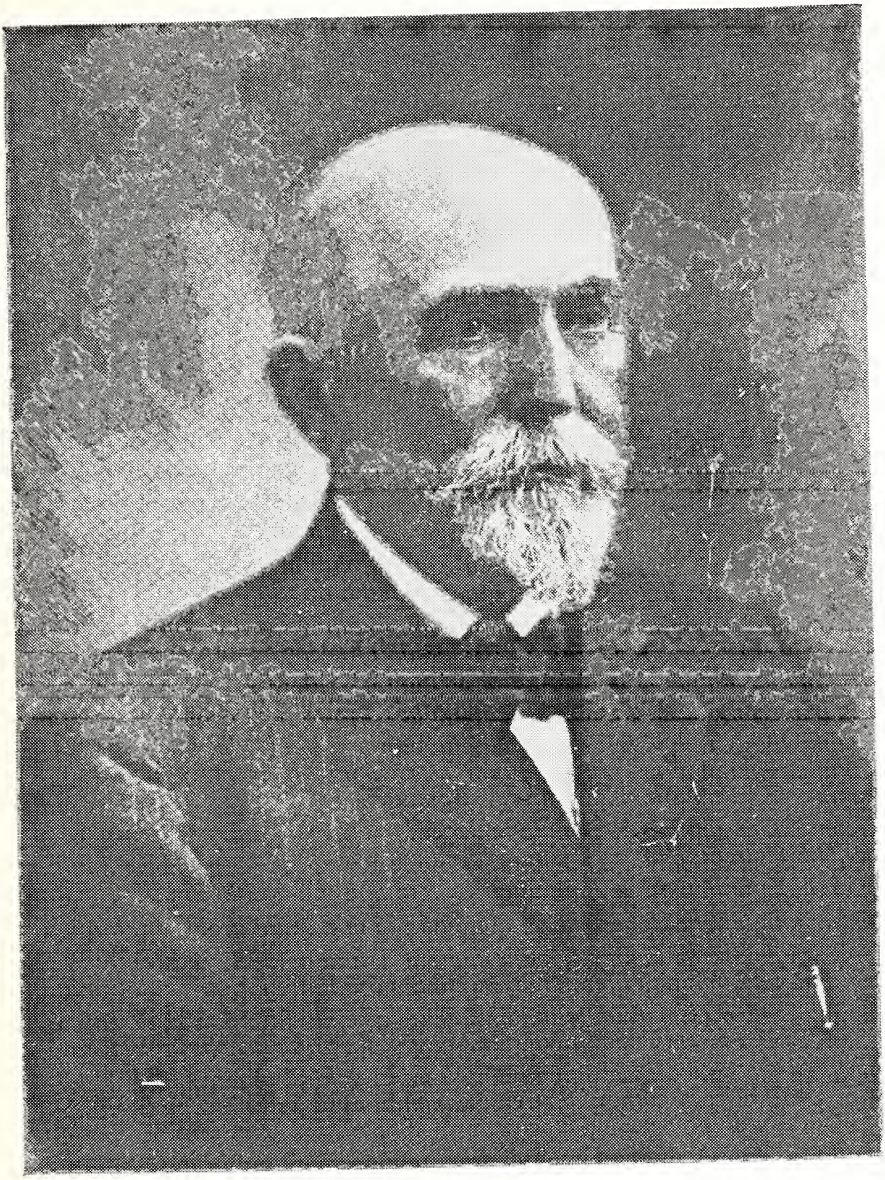
Among the fine missionary-minded ministers of the Reformed Church in North Carolina was Rev. Paul Barringer.

He was born near Mt. Pleasant, September 16, 1850, and died there February 10, 1925, at the age of seventy-five years. Even though his youth coincided with the Civil War times, he acquired a very liberal education, attending old North Carolina College at Mt. Pleasant, Catawba College at Newton, and later Heidelberg College at Tiffin, Ohio, where he prepared for the ministry of the Reformed Church. His pastorates were identified largely with the West Rowan charge, the Concord and New Gilead charge, the East Rowan charge, and finally the St. James and New Gilead charge. He was instrumental in the founding of St. Paul's Church, Enochville; St. James, Mt. Pleasant, and St. John's, Kannapolis.

Dr. Barringer, after being obliged to retire from the active ministry because of an affliction of the throat, returned to Mr. Pleasant and engaged in the cotton mill industry. For a time he was president of the Kindley Cotton Mill, but later he was instrumental in the building of the Tuscarora Cotton Mill, which he served as secretary-treasurer for many years.

His first wife was Mary J. Foil. After her death he married her sister, Alice L. Foil. She was the mother of seven children: Dr. G. R. Barringer, Othar A., Katie Foil, Mary C., Lilly A., L. Herman, and Ruth. In later years he was married to Alice Cruse Kluttz, who still survives.

Not only was Dr. Barringer the organizer and founder of St. James Church, but he gave liberally of his time and means in the erection of the first building. We hereby pay tribute to his great contribution and to his life of service. Three of his children are still loyal members of St. James Church: Othar A., who has faithfully served the Church in the capacities of Sunday School superintendent, teacher, and Church officer; L. Herman, who now serves as deacon; and Ruth, who is in the school-teaching profession.

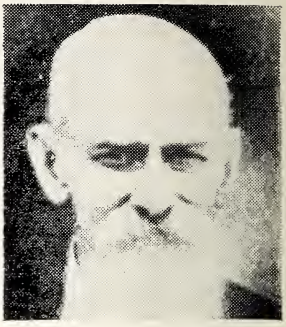


Rev. Paul Barringer, D.D.
Founding Father of St. James Church
Pastor 1894-1900

This page is dedicated with love and gratitude to the pastors who have served St. James Church during its fifty years.

Rev. John H. Keller
D.D.

1901-1906



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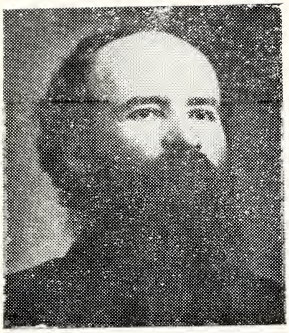
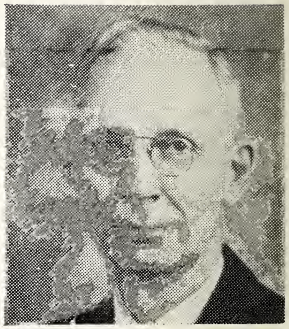
D.D.

1907-1909



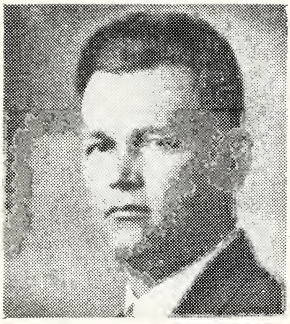
Rev. A. Shulenberger

1910-1911



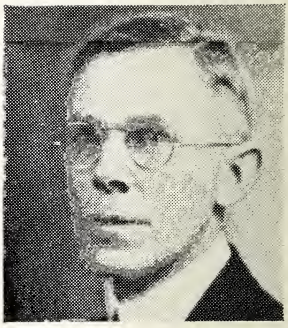
Rev. Border L. Stanley

1911-1913



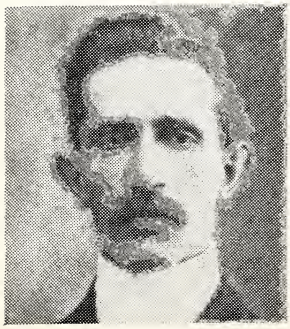
Rev. W. C. Lyerly

1914-1918



Rev. A. R. Tosh

1919-1921

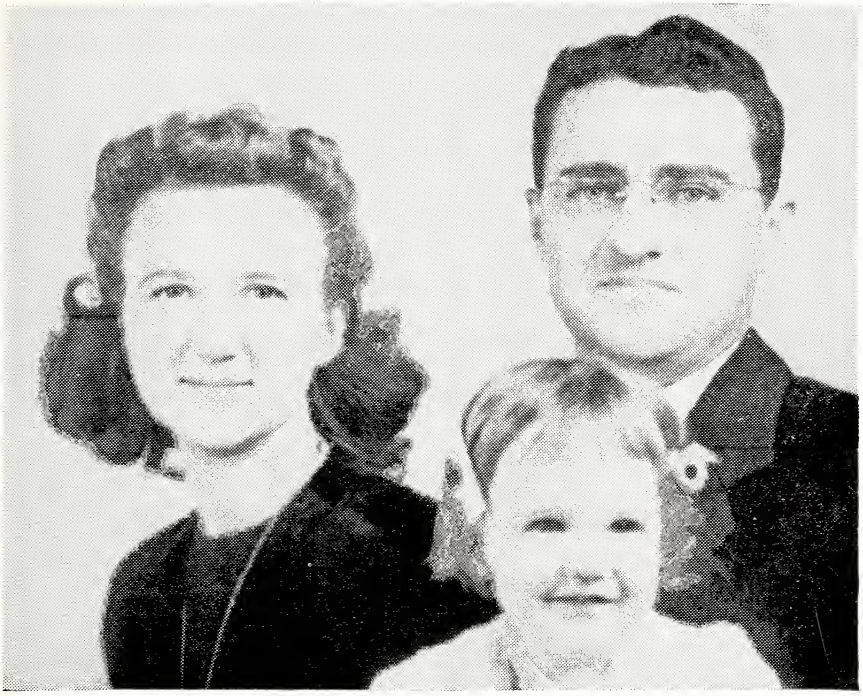


Rev. C. W. Warlick

1921-1929

Rev. W. S. Gerhard

1930-1941



PRESENT PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY

REV. A. W. HEDRICK, ALICE, and MRS. HEDRICK

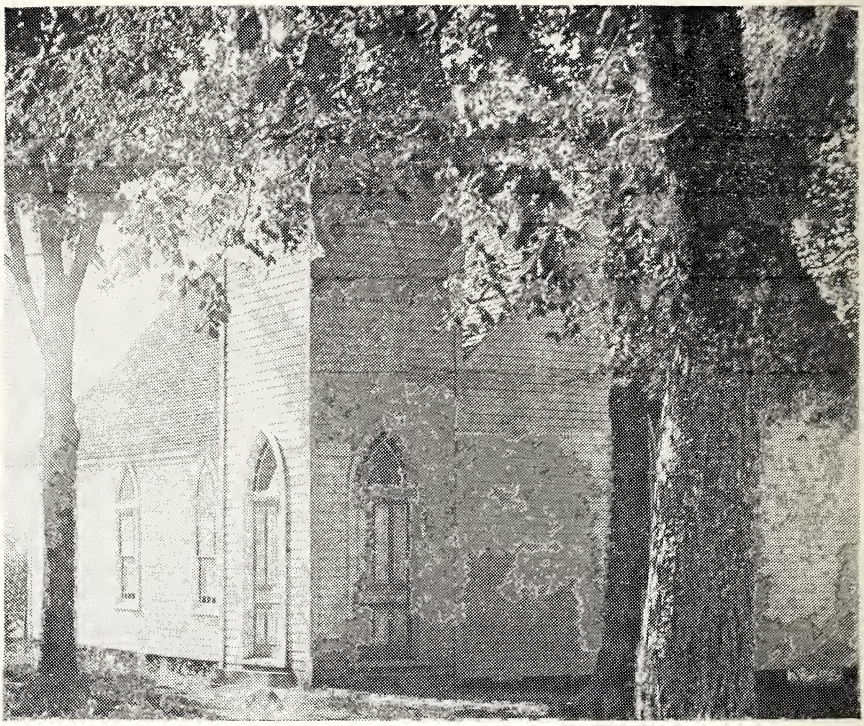
Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick was called to the pastorate of St. James Church and started his work January 1, 1942.

He is a native of Davidson County, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hedrick. Following his high school graduation he enrolled at Catawba College in the fall of 1931. The college Yearbook shows that he was here active in many of the student organizations. Among other things he was on the varsity debating team two years, president of the Philomathean Literary Society, class treasurer, and played varsity soccer and tennis. He graduated with the A.B. degree in 1935.

His seminary training was received at our Eastern Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Penna. This training was supplemented with supply experience in the Memorial Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., in the Jefferson charge, Codorus, Penna., and the Long Home for Old Folks, Lancaster, Penna. He completed his work and received the B.D. degree in the Spring of 1938.

Before graduating, he was called to the pastorate of the Guilford charge. After three and one-half years of service in this field he was called to the Bear Creek charge, where he continues to serve.

September 23, 1941 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Hunsucker of Charlotte. One child has been born to them, Alice Elizabeth, on January 15, 1943.



THE FIRST CHURCH
Built in 1895

At the meeting of the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church in 1894, Dr. M. A. Foil, representing a small group of members of the Reformed Church who had moved to Mt. Pleasant from Lower Stone and Bear Creek Churches, requested that a Church be established in Mt. Pleasant. The Classis delegated to Dr. Paul Barringer, then pastor of the East Rowan charge, the responsibility of the community.

The congregation was organized under the name of St. James Reformed Church on December 3, 1894, in the home of Mrs. C. L. Foil. The following persons entered into the organizations as charter members: Mrs. C. L. Foil, Mrs. M. R. Miller, L. J. Foil, W. J. Heilig, Dr. A. W. Moose, Dr. M. A. Foil, Mrs. A. F. Sides, and W. D. Foil. The Rev. Paul Barringer conducted the services of organization, and he continued to serve as pastor in connection with his work in the East Rowan charge. A little later the Classis of North Carolina detached New Gilead from the Concord charge and constituted that Church and St. James the New Gilead

charge. This charge was enrolled by the Board of Home Missions, and Dr. Barringer was appointed missionary in charge of the work in the two churches. The congregations prospered, and in a few years the Mission Board was relieved of further support.

Dr. A. W. Moose

Dr. A. W. Moose was elected the first elder, and Dr. M. A. Foil was chosen as the first deacon and secretary of the congregation, these two men being the only officers for a time.

A suitable lot of land was given by W. J. Heilig on which to build a church. The building committee was composed of the following persons: Dr. A. W. Moose, W. J. Heilig, and L. J. Foil.

Dr. M. A. Foil

Under their guidance a beautiful little Church was erected at a cost of about $1400. It is worthy of note that the "Bear Creekers" contributed no small part to this new mission. In September, 1895, the erection of the first edifice was begun, and it was completed the following May.

On August 30, 1896, Dr. Barringer conducted the dedication service, with Dr. J. C. Leonard of Lexington preaching the consecration sermon. The people of the town and surrounding sections came in large numbers. All outstanding indebtedness had either been paid or provided for. The congregation was now well established in the community. From the beginning it has had in its membership substantial people who are deeply consecrated to the work of the Lord, and who have always given liberally of time and means to the Kingdom work.

On May 6, 1897, a deed for a cemetery lot was made to the Trustees and their successors in office at the cost of $25.

The parsonage was built during the pastorate of Rev. E. Garver Williams, D.D. Bethel and Boger Churches, now constituting a part of the charge, aided in the construction. The building was erected on a lot adjoining the Church which had been secured at a cost of $150. There was an agreement between the churches of the charge that in the event of a dissolution of the charge St. James would repay the amounts contributed by the other churches. St. James was obligated to keep the parsonage in repair.

About twenty years ago Dr. M. A. Foil bought the house and lot adjoining the Church to the south and later deeded it to the Church except for lifetime rights.

Rev. J. M. Peck

At a meeting of the members July 10, 1921, it was decided that a new house of worship would be built. A building committee was appointed consisting of J. L. Peck, chairman, O. A. Barringer, L. E. Foil, S. C. Kluttz, J. L. C. Miller, Mrs. H. E. Foil, and Mrs L. E. Foil. Steps were taken towards immediately replacing the old Church with a modern brick building, but owing to the loss by fire of the lumber plant owned by Elder J. L. C. Miller, the work was postponed until 1923. On the first Monday in July, 1923, the old Church was removed, and construction on the new Church started soon thereafter. The new edifice was to be brick-veneer, with modern Sunday School facilities, and with a seating capacity of about 500 people. The total cost, including the pipe organ, was about $26,000.

Another crowning day for the congregation was June 26, 1924, when the new temple of worship was solemnly dedicated to the Triune God in beautiful and impressive services continuing through the whole day and evening. The spacious new Church was filled with happy people. All had worked earnestly and sacrified nobly to build such a handsome and comfortable Church which they now consecrated to Almighty God. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Warlick, conducted the services of dedication; Dr. J. C. Leonard preached the sermon in the morning, and in the afternoon Revs. W. C. Lyerly and J. H. Keller, both former pastors, were heard.

An organization which has contributed much to the life of St. James Church is the Women's Missionary Society. It was first organized January 7, 1905, with the following charter members: Mesdames J. L. C. Miller, president, A. W. Moose, L. J. Foil, S. T. Fisher, W. G. H. Barringer, S. C. Kluttz, Jennie Fisher; Misses Jennie Kluttz, Ella Moose, Kate Barringer, Mattie Moose, and Lillie Barringer. The charter was amended September 16, 1911, and the name was changed to the Woman's Missionary and Aid Society. Then on December 7, 1941, the group was again reorganized, this time into the Women's Guild. This fine group was further augmented in strength when an Evening Circle was organized in 1942.

Among our young people there have been several organizations. A Mission Band was organized in 1905. For well over thirty years it was a very active group. Members remember it as being most active under the leadership of Mrs. C. W. Warlick. It was replaced with an energetic Girls' Guild that continued for several years. At the beginning of 1944 a Youth Fellowship was organized, and it continues to be a flourishing group at the present time.

Of no small importance in the life of the Church has been the Sunday School. It would be impossible to estimate the far-reaching influence that it has wielded. Through it our children

and adults alike have been taught the Word of God and brought closer to the Church of Christ. Much credit is due to the many faithful officers and teachers who have served in its ranks.

The growth of St. James Church has not been rapid, but it has been substantial, and the community has felt the influence of its work. It has always promoted inter-denominational co-operation and unity. In the person of Rev. John M. Peck, it has contributed one of the outstanding ministers of our Church. Another of its former members, Charles L. Fisher, is now a minister in the Baptist Church; and still another member, Frederick Lowder, is licensed, though he is not now in the active ministry. Several of the lay-members have rendered notable service to the Church at large, such as Dr. M. A. Foil and O. A. Barringer, who have served loyally for many years on the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Out of the eight charter members all are in the Church Triumphant except one, Dr. M. A. Foil. Dr. Foil has been a faithful and loyal member throughout the fifty years of history, rendering services large and small that are far too innumerable to mention. We hereby pay tribute to him and to those seven other courageous souls who, with Dr. Paul Barringer, founded St. James Church.

We thank God that it has pleased Him to bless our Church during these fifty years. By His grace St. James has made many worthwhile contributions to the building of the Kingdom on earth. And as we pass this landmark and enter into a new epoch we pray His continued blessings. With its present membership of fine, devoted men and women, boys and girls, St. James Church can look into the future with much hope and can anticipate even far greater accomplishments in the Master's vineyard during the next fifty years. May God give us all a vision of our present duties and of our future opportunities.

Pastors of St. James Church

Rev. Paul Barringer, D.D.	1894-1900
Rev. John H. Keller, D.D.	1901-1906
Rev. E. Garver Williams, D.D.	1907-1909
Rev. A. Shulenberger	1910-1911
Rev. Border L. Stanley	1911-1913
Rev. William C. Lyerly	1914-1918
Rev. Aaron R. Tosh	1919-1921
Rev. Charles W. Warlick	1921-1929
Rev. William S. Gerhard	1930-1941
Rev. Aubrey W. Hedrick	1942-

Organizations of our church

The Consistory

Elders	Deacons
W. Lee Moose	Paul B. Foil
James K. Peck	Lawson Herrin
M. Dwight Kluttz	Herman Barringer
Paul Petrea	O. S. Foil

President of Consistory.....Rev. A. W. Hedrick
Vice-President.....W. Lee Moose
Secretary.....Dwight Kluttz
Financial Secretary.....Paul Petrea
Treasurer.....O. S. Foil

Sunday School Officers and Teachers

Superintendent.....Paul B. Foil
Assistant Superintendents.....M. D. Kluttz, Bernard Moorehead
Secretary of Literature.....Mrs. Bob Dove
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. Alton Whitley
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.....Hoy A. Moose
Superintendent of Children's Department.....Mrs. W. Lee Moose

Teachers

Adult Men.....J. Floyd Woodward
Adult Women.....Mrs. M. D. Kluttz
Young Ladies.....Mrs. Bernard Moorehead
Young People.....Mrs. Hoy A. Moose
Intermediate.....Mrs. Henry Smith
Junior.....Elizabeth Foil
Primary.....Mrs. W. Lee Moose
Beginner.....Mrs. Roy Shue

Women's Guild

Afternoon Circle

President.....Mrs. James K. Peck
Vice-President.....Mrs. W. Lee Moose
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. Herman Barringer

Evening Circle

President.....Mrs. Bob Dove
Vice-President.....Elizabeth Foil
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. Lester McCarn

Youth Fellowship

President.....Aurelia Rose Watts
Vice-President.....Ben Shue
Secretary-Treasurer.....Miriam Kluttz

Members of St. James Church

Barringer, Grover
Barringer, Mrs. Grover
Barringer, L. Herman
Barringer, Mrs. L. Herman
Barringer, Ruth
Barringer, O. A.
Bennett, John
Bennett, Mrs. John
Birch, Mrs. H. R.
Bost, Mrs. Wright
Darnell, Mrs. Curtis
Deaton, Mrs. Earl
Dove, Mrs. Bob
Eury, Margaret
Fisher, N. Anna D.
Fisher, Guy E.
Fisher, Mrs. Guy E.
Fisher, Grady
Fisher, Herbert
Foil, Dr. M. A.
Foil, Summer
Foil, Elizabeth
Foil, Miriam
Foil, George W.
Foil, Mrs. George W.
Foil, Oliver Spencer
Foil, Mrs. O. S.
Foil, Paul B.
Foil, Mrs. Paul B.
Foil, Horace E.
Foil, Mrs. Horace E.
Foil, Lee E.
Foil, Lawson A.
Foil, Mrs. Harry E.
Foil, Frank W.
Foil, Mrs. Frank W.
Foil, Joseph
Foil, Mrs. Joseph
Foil, John Alexander
Foil, Paul Edwin
Foil, Elwood
Foil, Mrs. Elwood
Foil, Joseph William
Foil, Mrs. J. W.
Harvel, Baxter A.
Harvel, Mrs. Baxter A.
Harvel, Carl W.
Hedrick, Mrs. A. W.
Hegler, Mrs. Hawley
Heintz, Mrs. John
Herrin, G. Lawson
Herrin, G. L., Jr.
Herrin, Mrs. G. L., Jr.
Herrin, Charles Warren
Herrin, Fred
Hurlocker, John
Kluttz, M. D.
Kluttz, Mrs. M. D.
Kluttz, Arthur Lee
Kluttz, Carl D.

HERRIN, MRS. G. LAWSON

Kluttz, Miriam
Kluttz, Sidney C.
Kluttz, Mrs. Sidney C.
Kluttz, Banks
Lowder, Mrs. J. Frank
Lowder, Frederick
Lowder, Jay
McAllister, Mrs. Ben
McCarn, Lester W.
McCarn, Mrs. L. W.
Mahaffey, Roy
Mahaffey, Mrs. Roy
Mahaffey, Joan
Meismer, Sidney
Miller, Mrs. John L. C.
Moose, Paul A.
Moose, Mrs. Paul A.
Moose, Robert A.
Moose, Mrs. W. J.
Moose, Cramer B.
Moose, W. Jennings
Moose, M. Earl
Moose, Hoy A.
Moose, Mrs. Hoy A.
Moose, W. Lee
Moose, Mrs. W. Lee
Morehead, R. Bernard
Morehead, Mrs. R. B.
Peck, Mrs. James L.
Peck, James K.
Peck, Mrs. James K.
Peck, Robert Brantley
Peck, David
Peeler, Helen
Petrea, Winifred
Petrea, Mrs. Winifred
Petrea, Paul
Petrea, Mrs. Paul
Petrea, Ray
Petrea, Mrs. Ray
Petrea, Jerry
Shue, Roy
Shue, Mrs. Roy
Shue, Ned N.
Shue, Ben A.
Shue, Ruby
Shue, Mrs. Berry
Smith, Coy A.
Smith, Frances
Smith, Mrs. Henry
Teague, Ernest A.
Tomkinson, Frank
Tomkinson, Mrs. Frank
Troutman, Clifford
Troutman, Mrs. Clifford
Walters, Mrs. Cleo
Walters, Alva
Warlick, Mrs. C. W.
Warlick, Charles W., Jr.
Warlick, Hal
Warlick, Richard
Watts, Herman
Watts, Mrs. Herman
Watts, Aurelia Rose
Whitley, Mrs. Alton

Roll of Honor

This page is respectfully dedicated to the following men who are in the armed forces of our nation:

JOSEPH WILLIAM FOIL
LAWSON A. FOIL
PAUL ED FOIL
CHARLES WARREN HERRIN
ARTHUR LEE KLUTTZ
SIDNEY BANKS KLUTTZ
*FRED LEFLER
LESTER W. McCARN
M. EARL MOOSE
W. JENNINGS MOOSE
JERRY F. PETREA
NED N. SHUE
COY A. SMITH
*HENRY SMITH
ERNEST ALLEN TEAGUE
CHARLES W. WARLICK, JR.

* Member of the Sunday School

The Church of the Living God

This is the Church of my dreams.
A Church adequate for the task.
The Church of the warm heart,
Of the open mind,
Of the adventurous spirit;
The Church that cares,
That heals hurt lives,
That comforts old people,
That challenges youth;
That knows no divisions of culture or class,
No frontiers, geographical or social,
The Church that inquires as well as avers,
That looks forward as well as backward,
The Church of the Master,
The Church of the people,
The high Church, the broad Church, the low Church,
—High as the ideals of Jesus,
—Low as the humblest human;
A working Church,
A worshipping Church,
A winsome Church; ;
A Church that interprets the truth in terms of truth
That inspires courage for this life and hope for the life to come;
A Church of all good men,
The Church of the living God.

—John M. Moore